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SUBJ: WHITE HOUSE PRESS BRIEFING ON JACKSON AMENDMENT

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. FOLLOWING ARE RELEVANT PARTS OF SEPTEMBER 28 WHITE  
HOUSE PRESS BRIEFING RELATING TO JACKSON AMENDMENT:

BEGIN QUOTE. MR. WARREN: THE MEETING BETWEEN THE  
PRESIDENT AND THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SOVIET  
UNION HAS JUST ENDED, AS YOU KNOW. IT LASTED FOR TWO HOURS  
SECRETARY KISSINGER, AMBASSADORRRR DOBRYNIN, HAL SONNENFELDT  
AND VICTOR SUKHODREV SAT IN ON THE MEETING. . . .

THE PRESIDENT OUTLINED FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER THE  
CURRENT STATUS OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE  
MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT FOR THE USSR; DISCUSSED WITH  
HIM THE CONGRESSIONAL SITUATION, AND REITERATED THIS  
ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO SEEK MOST FAVORED NATION  
TREATMENT FOR THE SOVIET UNION AND EXPLAINED THAT WE HOPE  
THAT A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE IN THE TRADE  
BILL BEFORE THE CONGRESS CAN BE ACHIEVED. . . .

QUESTION. DID MR. GROMYKO GIVE THE PRESIDENT ANY ASSURANCES  
ON THE MATTER OF JEWISH EMIGRATION AND THE TREATMENT OF  
SOVIET INTELLECTUALS?

MR. WARREN: I WON'T GO INTO DETAIL ON THE DISCUSSION OF  
THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S REVIEW OF THE SOVIET SITUATION. I  
WILL ONLY REFER YOU BACK TO WHAT SECRETARY KISSINGER SAID  
IN NEW YORK THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, I BELIEVE IT WAS,  
ON THIS SUBJECT. WE HAVE REPEATED OUR POSITION ON THIS  
SUBJECT OFTEN, AND I DON'T THINK IT NEEDS TO BE  
REPEATED AGAIN THIS MORNING. . . .

QUESTION. DID HE BRING UP THEIR RECENT ADOPTION OF THE  
TWO MEASURES; THAT IS, CONVENTIONS PASSED BY THE U.N.?

MR. WARREN: THAT WAS NOT MENTIONED TO ME AS A PART OF  
THE DISCUSSION AT ALL, BOB, SO I COULD NOT TELL YOU. I  
DO NOT BELIEVE IT CAME UP. I AM SURE I WOULD HAVE BEEN  
TOLD.

QUESTION. IS IT CONSISTENT WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S  
POSITION NOT TO MEDDLE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF A FOREIGN  
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COUNTRY THAT OUR CONCERNS WOULD BE EXPRESSED IN THE COURSE  
OF A DISCUSSION ON EMIGRATION, FOR EXAMPLE?

MR. WARREN: WELL, I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES SECRETARY  
KISSINGER HAS SAID THIS, AND AS I SAID EARLIER, I DON'T  
KNOW THAT IT NEEDS REPEATING BEFORE THIS SOPHISTICATED  
GROUP.

THE SECRETARY HAS SAID EVERY TIME HE IS ASKED ABOUT THE ISSUE AND EVERY TIME THE ISSUE IS RAISED WITH HIM THAT WE MAKE OUR POSITION KNOWN, WE MAKE OUR POSITION KNOWN IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.

QUESTION. BUT YOU DID SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT BROUGHT THE FOREIGN MINISTER UP TO DATE ON THE CONGRESSIONAL SITUATION?

MR. WARREN: YES.

QUESTION. THEREFORE, HE MUST HAVE DISCUSSED THE JACKSON AMENDMENT AND THE OPPONENTS TO THE MOST FAVORED NATION STATUS?

MR. WARREN: THAT IS CORRECT.

QUESTION. JERRY, THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID THAT THIS BUSINESS OF PRESSURING THE SOVIET UNION TO ALLOW FREE EMIGRATION CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED THROUGH QUIET DIPLOMACY. DID HE PRACTICE SOME QUIET DIPLOMACY IN THE MEETING TODAY?

MR. WARREN: AS I SAID, I NEED NOT REPEAT WHAT THE

PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAVE SAID, AND THAT IS THAT WE USE OUR INFLUENCE IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.

QUESTION. DID THE QUESTION OF SOLZHENITSYN AND SAKHAROV COME UP?

MR. WARREN: IT WASN'T MENTIONED.

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QUESTION. ON THAT, THE QUESTION THAT YOU SAID WAS COVERED IN THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S REVIEW WAS THE QUESTION ABOUT BOTH EMIGRATION AND TREATMENT OF INTELLECTUALS, PERHAPS THE LAST WORD GOT LOST.

MR. WARREN: THE DISCUSSION AS IT WAS RELAYED TO ME CENTERED AROUND THE PROBLEM OF MOST FAVORED NATIONS, AND THE IMPLICATIONS THAT HAS ON OUR COMMITMENT TO THE SOVIET UNION, AND IN THAT COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION THERE WAS A REVIEW BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN THE SOVIET UNION.

QUESTION. DID THEY TALK ABOUT ANY OTHER AREAS OF TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES OR EXPANSION OF THE PRESENT ONES?

MR. WARREN: WELL, IN A BROAD REVIEW OF OUR RELATIONS, TRADE WAS MENTIONED, BUT THERE ARE NO SPECIFICS THAT I CAN GIVE YOU.

QUESTION. JERRY, ON THIS SUBJECT OF THE JACKSON AMENDMENT AND THE MOST FAVORED NATION SITUATION, DID THE PRESIDENT GIVE MR. GROMYKO, AS ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HAVE DONE PRIVATELY, ANY ASSURANCES THAT A TRADE BILL WITH A SATISFACTORY MFN CLAUSE IN IT WOULD BE PASSED BY THE CONGRESS? DID HE GIVE HIM ANY ASSURANCE ON THIS POINT?

MR. WARREN: AS I SAID, JIM, HE REITERATED OUR COMMITMENT TO THE AGREEMENTS WHICH WE HAVE REACHED WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND SAID THAT WE WOULD WORK WITH CONGRESS TO SEE THAT THIS MATTER IS RESOLVED.

QUESTION. DID HE MAKE ANY PREDICTIONS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS MATTER WAS GOING TO BE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY?

MR. WARREN: AS I SAID EARLIER, HE SAID IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THIS MATTER WILL BE RESOLVED AS THE TRADE BILL MOVES THROUGH THE CONGRESSIONAL PROCESS.

QUESTION. MERELY EXPRESS THE HOPE, NO ASSURANCE, IS THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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RIGHT?

MR. WARREN: OUR HOPE, AND HE ALSO EXPRESSED THAT WE WOULD WORK VERY DILIGENTLY TOWARD THAT END. . . .

QUESTION: JERRY, ON THE SAME QUESTION, THE PROBLEM IN CONGRESS IS OBVIOUSLY THE DESIRE OF THE CONGRESS TO GET SOME EVIDENCE OF OPEN EMIGRATION IN THE SOVIET UNION. THERE IS NOT MUCH THE PRESIDENT CAN REALLY DO UNLESS SOMETHING HAPPENS IN THE SOVIET UNION.

DID THE PRESIDENT ASK THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO TRY TO GET FURTHER COOPERATION ON THIS QUESTION?

MR. WARREN: BERNIE, THAT GOES BACK TO THE QUESTION OF OUR INFLUENCE, AND I WILL MERELY REPEAT WHAT I SAID BEFORE, WHICH IS WHAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS SAID ON THAT SUBJECT. . . .

QUESTION. BACK TO GROMYKO FOR A MOMENT. IN THE ASSESSMENT THE PRESIDENT GAVE THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE TRADE BILL, DID HE RAISE THE POSSIBILITY AT ALL THAT THE SOVIET UNION MAY RECEIVE MOST

FAVORED NATION STATUS BUT WITH SOME KIND OF CONDITIONS THAT HAVE NOT EXISTED BEFORE IN THAT STATUS?

MR. WARREN: I WOULD NOT GO BEYOND WHAT I SAID. HE EXPLAINED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER THE CONGRESSIONAL SITUATION, AND HE EXPLAINED OUR HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH THE CONGRESS TO COME UP WITH A SUITABLE BILL.

QUESTION. TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT, WITHOUT GETTING INTO THE GROMYKO MEETING, COULD YOU PLEASE TELL US WHAT SORT OF ASSESSMENT THE PRESIDENT IS RECEIVING FROM HIS CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS STAFF ON THE PROSPECTS OF TAKING THAT RESTRICTION OUT OR MODERATING IT?

MR. WARREN: IT WOULD BE VERY DANGEROUS FOR ME TO DO THAT, BECAUSE IT IS NOT EVEN OUT OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE YET, AND HAS A LONG WAY TO GO.

QUESTION. SURELY THE CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS STAFF IS UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESENTING THE OUTLOOK FOR THAT, AREN'T THEY?

MR. WARREN: THEY PRESENT OUTLOOKS DAILY ON VARIOUS PIECES OF LEGISLATION, AND IT WOULD SEVERELY RESTRICT THEIR FLEXIBILITY ON THE HILL IF I WERE TO OUTLINE THOSE PROJECTIONS FOR YOU DAILY HERE, AND I WON'T DO THAT. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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